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Memo. No. 38579/50-2-E3 Health			6.11.50.

Epidemic-cholera — Kollegal Taluk — prohibition of Sivarathri jatra in Mahadeswara Swamy hills.

D.O.No. C.M. 1301.

Bangalore,
28th February, 1951.

9247

My dear Sri Kumaraswami Raja,

I would like to bring to your kind notice the present position regarding cholera outbreak in this State and the repercussions that might occur if the Sivarathri Jatra in Mahadeswaraswamy Hills in Kollegal Taluk is permitted to go on as usual on the 4th March as at present programmed.

Recently, this epidemic was imported into this State by pilgrims who went to Chikkallur Jatra 10 miles off Kollegal resulting in the spread of this infection to various parts of the State.

The situation has now been brought under control; but it is feared that if the Mahadeswaraswamy Jatra is allowed to go on, as usual, there will be every possibility of a further spread of this disease both in the Madras State and the adjoining parts of this State. I understand that the Director of Public Health, Madras has already brought this to the notice of the District Magistrate, Coimbatore as well as to your Government with a request that the Jatra be prohibited in order to prevent the spread of the epidemic.

In the circumstances stated and with a view to control the spread of this epidemic, I would be grateful if you could kindly issue instructions immediately to prohibit this Jatra.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

K.C. Reddy

(K. C. Reddy).

Hon'ble Sri P.S. Kumaraswami Raja,
Chief Minister, MADRAS.

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Health (E3)

IMMEDIATE

T. M. dated 2.3.51.

From

To

The Secy. to Govt

The D.P.H.

It has been reported to H.C.M. by the Chief Minister of Mysore, that you have requested the D.M. of Coimbatore and this Govt. to prohibit the Mahadeswaraswamy Jatra festival in Kollegal Taluk due to come off on the 6th March 1951, in order to prevent the spread of cholera epidemic. But no proposal in this respect has been received by the Govt. P.C. say at once whether any such proposal will be sent to the Govt. or whether the D.M., Coimbatore has taken action to prohibit the festival.

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Health Dept.

D.O.No. 9247/51-E.3.Health, d/2-3-51.

My dear Sri Reddy,

Many thanks for your D.O.No.C.H.1301 dated 28th February 1951. We have not so far had any communications from the Director of Public Health in the matter but under our Public Health Act, the District Magistrate and the health authorities have power to take prompt action to prohibit the Jatra, if necessary. I am calling for a report from the Director of Public Health and will arrange to have appropriate action taken in the matter at once.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

F. C. below

H.C.M

The Hon'ble
Sri K.C.Reddy,
Chief Minister of Mysore,
Bangalore.

H.C.M. may sign fair copy below. if he finds the draft in order. It may be issued by H.C.M's P.A.

2/3/51

I have spoken to Dy. Dir. H. He says the Dt Magistrate was addressed on 11.2.51 but does not know whether actual prohibition of the festival has been arranged. I have asked him to write to the D. H.O. and obtain a report. Put up to me on 7th.

3/3/51.

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GOVERNMENT OF ~~HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF~~ MYSORE.

No. M.28980/P.H.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY 3 MAR 1951 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated Bangalore, 2nd March *1951.*

FROM

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The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to the Government of ~~His Highness~~ ~~the Maharaja of~~ Mysore.

To

Medical & Public Health Departments.

The Chief Secretary to Government of Madras,
Public Health & Medical Dept. Madras.

SIR,

It has been brought to the notice of this Government that the Sivarathri Jatra in Mahadeswaraswamy Hills in Kollegal Taluk commences on the 4th March 1951 and goes on till the 10th March 1951 and that there is a very severe outbreak of cholera in Kollegal taluk resulting in a large number of attacks and deaths. Recently this epidemic was imported into this State by piligrims who went to Chikkallur jatra 10 miles off Kollegal resulting in the spread of this infection to various parts of the State. It is feared that if the Mahadeswaraswamy jatra is allowed to take place as usual, there will be every probability of the situation getting worse. I am therefore, to request you kindly to take immediate necessary action to prohibit the jatra this year in order to prevent the spread of the epidemic in the Madras State and adjoining districts of this State.

Action taken in the matter may kindly be intimated for the information of this Government.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to Government,
Medical and Public Health Departments.

JM 3/3/51

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TELEPHONIC MESSAGE BY POST.

From
The Director of Public Health,
MADRAS, KILPAUK.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Health Department,
FORT.ST.GEORGE, MADRAS.

Dated 3-3-1951.

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Ref:-Your Telephonic Message dated 2-3-1951. p 3 ante

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On a representation by the District Health Officer, Coimbatore, and as cholera has broken out in Kollegal Range and town. the District Magistrate, Coimbatore was addressed to prohibit the festival under section 144 Criminal Procedure Code in this Office
9623 letter 1936-1 HYG dated 12-2-1951 (copy enclosed) Below-

The District Health Officer, Coimbatore has also been instructed that even in the event of the festival being banned, to keep necessary staff posted in all important enroute villages for chlorination of water supplies etc.

It is presumed the District Magistrate would have taken action to prohibit the festival. However the District Magistrate and the District Health Officer, Coimbatore have been wired to report by wire whether the festival has been banned.

Government were not addressed in the matter in view of
p. 6 of (A) Government memorandum No.38579/50-2 E3 dated 6-11-1950.

Siva - [illegible]
Jatra in [illegible]

Mus Rajamani Ilyas

FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
MADRAS.

Copy of this Office letter No.9136-1 HYG dated 12-2-51 to the District Magistrate, Coimbatore.

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Sub:-Fairs and Festivals-Coimbatore district-Sivarathri Jatra in Madeswaram Hills-Kollegal taluk-prohibition

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The Sivarathri Jatra in Madeswaram Hills in Kollegal taluk comes of on 4-3-51 and goes on till 10-3-51 and will attract a large gathering. Pilgrims from the surrounding taluks and Mysore state are expected to attend. A severe outbreak of cholera has broken out in Kollegal taluk and during the week ending 3-2-51, 38 villages were infected with 423 attacks and 209 deaths. It is therefore necessary to prohibit the occurrence of this festival in order to prevent the spread of the epidemic. I therefore ~~that~~ request that immediate action may be taken to prohibit the assemblage of pilgrims at the festival area and all enroute villages under section144 Criminal procedure Code and that necessary publicity may be given.

I request that the matter may be considered as special and immediate action taken.

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(True copy)

Mus Rajamani Ilyas

FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
MADRAS.

Health (E)
The official Blue of Assembly of Mysore in p.7 ante and the D.H.O's. reply above are called for perusal. The report referred to at 'A' on Cell 7/3/51.
p.5 ante may be consulted

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D.O.No.9247/51-2-E.3.Health,d/ 5-3-51

My dear Sri Reddy,

Sub: Epidemic - Cholera - Kollegal taluk - Prohibition of Sivarathri Jatra in Mahadeswaraswamy Hills.

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p.5 c.f.

In continuation of my D.O. No.9247/51-E.3.Health dated 2-3-51, I am glad to inform you that the Sivarathri Jatra in Mahadeswaraswamy Hills in the Kollegal taluk of Coimbatore Dist., has been prohibited by the Collector and Dist. Magistrate of Coimbatore, under Section 144, Cr. P.C. The Health staff of the Dist. are taking all possible measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

Yours sincerely,

To
The Hon'ble Sri K.C.Reddy,
Chief Minister, Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Letter No. 9247/51-3-E3,8X Health, dated 5-3-51

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of Mysore,
Medl. and P.H. Depts.,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Sub:--Epidemic - Cholera - Kollegal taluk - Prohibition of Sivarathri Jatra in Mahadeswaraswamy Hills.

p.7 c.f. Ref:--Your letter No.M.22980/P.H., dated 2-3-51.

I am directed to state that orders prohibiting the holding of the Jatra have been issued by the District.Magistrate of Coimbatore, under Section 144, Cr.P.C., and that the Health staff of the Dist. ~~is~~ are taking all possible steps to prevent the spread of the disease.

Yours faithfully,

5/3/51.

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Health Department.

Sub: Epidemic - Cholera - Kollegal taluk - Prohibition of Sivarathri Jatra in Mahadeswaraswamy Hills.

H.C.M. may see the D.O. from the Hon'ble the Chief Minister of Mysore at p.1 c.f. and H.C.M.'s reply at p.5 c.f. H.C.M. may also see the official letter from the Govt. of Mysore at p. 7 c.f.

2. The Dy. D.P.H. rang me up this morning and informed me that the Collector of Coimbatore has issued orders under Section 144 Cr.P.C., prohibiting the Jatra. The Health authorities are taking the necessary preventive measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

3. H.C.M. may like to send the D.O. below to the Hon'ble Sri Reddy. (Itc. M may sign fc.) ~~(P.A. to H.C.M. may issue.)~~

A draft of an official letter to the Govt. of Mysore is also placed below.

SECRETARY
6. MAR 1951
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

H.C.M.

5/3/51.

Some work draft. F.C. of Itc. M's d.o. is also below.

5/3/51.

C. F. 304.—9,193 blks.—28-11-47.

OFFICE OF THE

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MAR 1951
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Date 5 - 3 - 51

Hours Minutes

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TELEPHONIC MESSAGE.

From	To
D.P.H.	Secretary to Govt Health Deptt.

Ref. Madeswaraim Hill & Jatra. Coimbatore
My T.M. by Post d 3-3-51

The Collector of Coimbatore has reported that the festival has been prohibited under 144 Cr. P.C.

5/3 J.M. 7/3/51

Please write on both sides.

Head Asst
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The Court of Sessions, Rajkot
already been informed of the
institution of the session trial by the
Collector of Amreli vide his No. 9247/51
- 3 - E 3 Head dated 5.3.51. Records
have been

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Post copy of telephonic message dated 5-3-1951.

From The Director of Public Health,
Madras.

To The Secretary to Government,
Health Department
Fort St. George,
Madras.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY 9 MAR 1951 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Ref :- Madeswaram Hills Jatra Coimbatore, My telephonic message by post dated 3-3-1951.

The Collector, Coimbatore has reported that the festival has been prohibited under 144 Criminal Procedure code.

Post copy forwarded in confirmation.

for Director of Public Health, Madras.

D.M. 9/3/51

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Health Dept.
F.3.

Please see the last copy of the T.N of the D.A.H on Page 3 ante. The cost of reprint has already been incurred on the prohibition of the festival under sec 144 of C.P.C. by the Collector of Chingleput vide his L.No. 9247/51-B3

P13 (A) Health dated 5.3.51 these papers may be filed with (A)

9/3/51

L.S.B. 5.3.51